



ODAWA TRAILS

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Smithsonian's Native American Exhibit Opens September 21, 2004



The Archives/Records and Cultural Preservation staff accompanied thirty-one other LTBB tribal members on a trip to Washington D.C. to experience the grand opening ceremonies for the new National Museum of the American Indian.

This national museum is the newest addition to the world-renowned museums within the Smithsonian Institution. It centers on native cultures from this hemisphere and stresses the beauty of our cultures, our vitality, our contributions, and our futures.

While in town for the grand opening, the LTBB contingency also had wonderful opportunities to learn about mainstream American history by having the opportunity to tour many of the memorials and other important sites in D.C. We had an excellent guide on these tours, who was able to give our participants a more detailed view of many of the memorials and

landmarks.

As part of the opening ceremonies, LTBB also participated in the procession that preceded the opening ceremony agenda. There were approximately twenty-thousand native people in the procession who were grouped according to their tribe. We had an excellent and emotional time during the procession. It was an amazing feeling to be surrounded by other native people and to mingle with cultures much different than our own. Following the procession, we were seated at the front of the museum for the opening program that entailed speeches from museum dignitaries and special guests. Later that day, we were able to tour the new museum with our group and explore the new exhibits.

Overall, the trip was a huge success. Everyone that attended had an excellent time seeing the sights and

learning a lot. We all felt grateful to have been able to represent our people in the activities and to be a small part of such a historic event. We are also grateful to the American Tour Club who ensured that our trip was jam-packed with activity and that we all arrived back home safely.

On behalf of the Elders, Youth, Tribal Members, and Staff that were able to participate, I would like to thank Tribal Council for their generosity. Some of the travelers had never been to Washington D.C. before or never been "around so many Indians!" We are truly grateful!!!!

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Winnay Wemigwase
Director,
Archives/Records & Cultural
Preservation
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Tribal Council Meeting Dates

November 20, 2004
Work Session

November 21, 2004
Meeting

December 4, 2004
Work Session

December 5, 2004
Meeting

December 18, 2004
Work Session

December 19, 2004
Meeting

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2004 Tribal Sovereignty Day



Photo Courtesy of LTBB Planning Department
Pictured from left: Tribal Chairman, Frank Ettawageshik; Tribal Council Member Fred Harrington, Jr.; Tribal Council Vice Chairperson Bea Law; Miss Odawa, Alicia Shenoskey, Tribal Council Treasurer Alice Yellowbank; Tribal Council Secretary Dexter McNamara; and Tribal Council Member Regina Bentley.

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